

**Anglican Church (Jenny Campbell)**

**Submitter Type:** Individual

**Source:** Web Form

**Overall Position:** Support

**Overall Notes:**

**Clause**

1. Do you agree with the Government's proposal to prohibit the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing microbeads (eg, body scrubs, facial cleaners, toothpastes) to reduce their impacts on New Zealand's environment and human health? Why/why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

The impact on our wildlife both on land and in sea, is devastating- causing pain and often death as a result of ingesting the microbeads.

**Clause**

2. What are your views on the Government narrowing or widening the definition of the scope of personal care products containing microbeads to be prohibited from manufacture and sale in New Zealand?

**Notes**

More goods need to be withdrawn- if they contain microbeads. Also the new threat of microplastics is of even greater concern with the implications of their impact on wildlife. It has been shown through recent studies that washing of synthetic textiles shed millions of micro- plastics in the water along with synthetic rubber tyres during driving. They are too small to be filtered out by sewage plants and so get in to waterways and so in to the sea. They then get in to the gut of shellfish and in to plankton and are then ingested by larger sea species and even in to humans with dire consequences. Other sources of microplastics come from wear and tear of plastic footwear and plastic based paint used on ship hulls and from road markings. Washing machines could have better filters and tyres strengthened to remove much of this material from the water ways. This is a very serious issue and needs urgent attention alongside microbeads

**Clause**

3. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any personal care products containing microbeads? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

4. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any personal care products containing microbeads for medically prescribed uses or purposes? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

5. Do you currently import any personal care products containing microbeads into New Zealand, either for sale or personal use? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

6. Are you aware of any personal care products containing microbeads for any purpose that could be considered an essential or critical use?

**Notes**

No but if there are any then they can be put in a special category for exclusion from any Act.

**Clause**

7. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any alternatives to personal care products containing microbeads (or components

therein), which are designed and used for the same purpose(s)? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

8. Do you consider the alternatives to personal care products containing microbeads (or components therein) to be reasonably practicable, readily available, and similarly priced for existing personal, business or other uses? Why/why not?

**Notes**

Many people are not aware of the presence in these products in items so clear labeling is essential to raise awareness and encourage people to be able to make informed choices away from those products which contact the microbeads.

**Clause**

9. Is there any reason why the alternatives would not be reasonably practicable, readily available, or similarly priced for personal, business or other uses? If so, would you consider operating against the policy intent and importing personal care products containing microbeads from overseas?

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

10. What would be the impact on you or your business if personal care products containing microbeads were prohibited for manufacture and sale in New Zealand and the alternatives were not reasonably practicable, readily available, or similarly priced?

**Notes**

I would be delighted that I could help save many organisms from harm, by not using the products with microbeads

**Clause**

11. Do you support the Government's approach to administration and enforcement of the proposed regulations under the Waste Minimisation Act? Why/why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

This is essential to make necessary changes for the good of every living thing which can be affected negatively by these products

**Clause**

12. Are there any other considerations for administration and enforcement of the proposed regulations that have not been outlined in the Administration and enforcement section in the Managing microbeads in personal care products consultation document?

**Notes**

Urgent action is needed & enforced.

**Clause**

13. What are your views on the Government's proposed timeframe for entry-into-force of the regulations under the Waste Minimisation Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing microbeads?

**Notes**

It needs to be implemented as soon as possible-the sooner the better

**Clause**

14. Are there any issues about the proposed timeframe for entry-into-force of the regulations that the Government should consider?

**Notes**

Education of the impacts is essential in order to bring everyone on board- public and manufacturers.

**Clause**

15. Are there any ways the Government could help industry or consumers transition away from personal care products containing microbeads ahead of the regulations' entry-into-force?

**Notes**

Offer other ideas of alternatives to use. people want eco- friendly products- so public will be pleased with their actions! Clear labeling of their products to tell consumers they are free of microbeads

**Clause**

16. Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Government's proposal?

**Notes**

Micro plastics need to be incorporated in to this legislation as well alongside a lot of education and public awareness raising.

